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25X1 6. [REDACTED] LIAISON Met with Joseph Stewart, in the office of the Senate Majority Leader, and discussed the Director's letter to the President of the Senate initiating the program for the handling of compartmented clearances in the Legislative Branch. Mr. Stewart said the Senate Whips may wonder why their staffs were not included for compartmented clearances. He personally saw no need for such access. I told him that this was very carefully considered and it was determined that the clearances should not go to staff below the Senate and House Majority Leaders. He again expressed support for the Director's efforts but said that the Majority Leader would not want to get out in front on this issue.

25X1 7. [REDACTED] LIAISON I met with John Swanner, Staff Director, House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, and discussed the status of the Committee's response to the Director's letter requesting return of the notes of the staff's review of CIA documents in reaction to the leak of sensitive information. Swanner said that Deanne Seimer, General Counsel, DOD, had called Chairman John J. Flynt (D., Ga.) and confirmed the sensitivities of the NSA information made available for staff review. Swanner doubted that the Committee would force Leon Jaworski, Sepcial Counsel, of the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, to return the notes. Swanner said that we are at an impasse and the only thing he could suggest is that the Agency should consider turning the whole matter over to the FBI for investigation.

25X1 8. [REDACTED] LIAISON Stopped by the office of Kirk O'Donnell, office of the House Majority Leader, in response to his call to discuss the issuance of compartmented clearances to the Congress, and made arrangements to meet with him Monday afternoon 31 July.

25X1 9. [REDACTED] LIAISON Met with Tom Latimer, Staff Director, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and gave him a copy of the Director's letters to House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill and the Vice President initiating the program of issuing compartmented clearances to the Legislative Branch and a copy of the approved guidelines. Latimer said that Chairman Edward P. Boland (D., Mass.) strongly supports limiting sensitive clearances to the permanent staffs of committees. He is constantly under pressure by the Members forcing their personal staff onto Committee matters. Latimer said he would be willing to assist if needed when we contact the Chairmen of the other Committees.

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